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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. Indonesia

The army continues to intensify its anti-Communist campaign while taking care to avoid a direct confrontation with Sukarno.

Indicative of the lip service army leaders still feel required to give the president was army commander Suharto's recent public assurance that the army would "unreservedly" respect Sukarno's decisions on a "political settlement." Even those army leaders who no longer revere Sukarno seem to regard him as an essential symbol of Indonesian unity.

There are continuing reports of armed clashes between the military and the Communists in various regions. In Djakarta itself, the army is now taking a direct hand for the first time in purging Communists and Communist-front members from the governmental bureaucracy.

There was new action against Communist Chinese interests this morning when an army-supported mob in the North Sumatran capital of Medan demonstrated before the Chinese Consulate. The crowd, estimated at 100,000, tore down and destroyed the Chinese flag and consular shield. The demonstrators also demanded the ouster of Foreign Minister Subandrio and of the pro-Communist North Sumatran governor.

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2. India

The government of India has perhaps never enjoyed more widespread internal support in pursuit of a policy than it does today on its policy toward Pakistan.

Ambassador Bowles points out that even moderates in the Indian Government now state unequivocally that there can be no question of Kashmir going to Pakistan, becoming independent, or having a plebiscite. The only realistic possibility at present, in the Indian view, is the negotiation with the Kashmiris of a somewhat greater degree of autonomy for Kashmir.

3. North Vietnam

The number of Soviet personnel in North Vietnam associated with military and economic assistance has been increasing recently. This suggests that the aid program itself is also being stepped up.

[redacted] the number of these people jumped [redacted] in July [redacted] 50X1
 [redacted] in August and [redacted] in September. 50X1
 This latest total, however, is still below the 1963 figure when [redacted] Soviets--50X1 involved mainly with economic programs-- were noted in North Vietnam.

These figures do not include the [redacted] Soviet military advisers believed to be associated with the surface-to-air missile program. 50X1

4. Panama

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 Opposition elements are said to be hoping that some incident during the festivities will spark violent anti-US and antigovernment street demonstrations.

This could happen, but the government's precautions and the waning of the opposition's campaign on the Canal issue encourage hope that violence will be minimal this year.

5. Dominican Republic

There have been some hopeful developments during the past 24 hours.

Last night president Garcia Godoy broached his plan for changes in the military high command to Navy chief Jimenez.

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Garcia Godoy is still planning to remove some of his most objectionable appointees as part of the "package,"

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In another positive development, the commercial banks in the former rebel zone opened this morning after having been closed since the insurrection began more than six months ago. The country's two leading newspapers also began publishing again today.

6. Congo

Movement toward rapprochement between Leopoldville and the radical regime in neighboring Brazzaville seems to be going rapidly.

The foreign minister of the Brazzaville regime was in Leopoldville last weekend.

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Joint opposition to their common enemy, former prime minister Tshombé, seems to be the basis for the meeting of minds between the Kasavubu-Nendaka team in Leopoldville and the Brazzaville radicals.

These developments raise the possibility of resurgent radicalism in Leopoldville, but some strong figures

are wary of this.

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